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SERIAL NO: 09/483,358 : EXAMINER: Jung W. Kim

FILED: 01/14/2000 : DATE: July 22, 2004

TITLE: Method for Creating & Reading : James E. Murray

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Sir:

The applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for a courteous and informative interview. The applicant's attorney was surprised to find that the Examiner had not yet received the amendment sent on June 19, 2004. While the Examiner thinks this is due to changes in the way the Patent Office handles materials, the applicant's attorney is concerned about the possibility that the material has been misplaced in the office. To prevent the issuance of a Notice of Abandonment, a new copy of the amendment is attached. Also attached is a copy of the Patent Office acknowledgment of receipt of the amendment.

As for substantive matters, the applicant's attorney mentioned in the telephone interview to the Examiner that the VeriSign reference does not teach the issuance of a certificate for more than one key or use of supplementary certificates for additional keys. The Examiner relies of the Sutter patent and the Karlton reference for these teachings. However the subject matter cited in the Sutter patent does not mention supplementary certificates and Karlton specifically states that what is described as an "attribute cert" has no associated key pair and cannot be used to establish identity. Therefore there is not only a lack of teaching of applicant's invention to issue keys with supplementary certificates after issuing a basic certificate in the teaching of the combination of VeriSign, Sutter and Karlton. but there is an express statement in Karlton against the use of its attribute certs for that purpose. This combined with the apparent reluctance of VeriSign to certify more than one key with a certificate makes it unlikely that those skilled in the art would combine the references in the way the Examiner has. If VeriSign was unlikely to approve multiple keys, particularly at some time after the issuance of the certificate, it is unlikely that it would be obvious to those skilled in the art to do so particularly where there is no teaching of having a basic certificate and adding supplementary certificates to cover additional keys.

Respectfully submitted

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